

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 18, 2016  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2016  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2682**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chang**

February 19, 2016

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An act to add Section 38755 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2682, as amended, Chang. Autonomous vehicles.

Existing law authorizes the operation of an autonomous vehicle on public roads for testing purposes by a driver who possesses the proper class of license for the type of vehicle being operated if specified requirements are satisfied. Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt regulations no later than January 1, 2015, setting forth requirements for the submission of evidence of insurance, surety bond, or self-insurance, and for the submission and approval of an application to operate an autonomous vehicle.

This bill would require the department, upon the development of a model state policy on autonomous vehicles *or operational guidance related to the deployment and operation of autonomous vehicles* by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to hold public hearings on the model policy and consider, to the extent authorized by other law, conforming department regulations with that policy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 38755 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
2     read:  
3     38755. Upon the development of a model state policy on  
4     autonomous vehicles *or operational guidance related to the*  
5     *deployment and operation of autonomous vehicles* by the National  
6     Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the department shall hold  
7     public hearings on the model policy and shall consider, to the  
8     extent authorized by other law, conforming department regulations  
9     with the model ~~policy~~. *policy and operational guidance.*

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